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FOLLOWING SENT ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS  
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SANTIAGO FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 08 FEB 74:

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SUBJECT: SUGAR HEARINGS

REF: (A)STATE 16259; (B)STATE 22675

1. ON FEBRUARY 4, CHAIRMAN POAGE AND RANKING MINORITY  
MEMBER WAMPLER OF HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED  
H.R. 12525 TO EXTEND THE SUGAR ACT WITHOUT CHANGE FOR FIVE  
YEARS. EXCERPTS FROM PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING SUBMISSION  
FOLLOW: "WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT OUR DEPENDABLE FOREIGN  
SUPPLIERS TO GET THE IDEA THAT WE WILL NOT CONTINUE TO  
HAVE A UNITED STATES SUGAR ACT PROGRAM ... FOR THE PAST  
YEAR OUR AMERICAN HOUSEWIVES AND OTHER CONSUMERS HAVE  
SAVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, THANKS TO THE SUGAR ACT. THE  
FACT THAT MUCH OF THIS SUGAR HAS TO COME AND HAS COME FROM  
OUR FOREIGN SUPPLIERS UNDER THEIR QUOTA COMMITMENTS AT A  
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TIME WHEN THEY COULD HAVE OBTAINED MUCH HIGHER PRICES FOR  
THEIR SUGAR ON THE WORLD MARKET HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED.

THEIR OVERALL PERFORMANCE RECORD IS AN EXCELLENT ONE. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ASSURED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS THAT EFFORTS ARE NOW GOING FORWARD TO RECONFIRM ALL OF OUR FOREIGN SUPPLIER QUOTA COMMITMENTS FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR. "(REF B).

2. "CERTAINLY CHANGES ARE NEEDED AND WILL BE MADE IN THE CURRENT LAW TO MEET THE PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC SITUATION ... OUR COMMITTEE WILL THOROUGHLY REVIEW THE ACT ... AND RECOMMEND THOSE CHANGES WHICH WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONING OF THE ACT ..."

3. ON SAME DATE, HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ISSUED GUIDELINES FOR WITNESSES AT HEARINGS, AND PARTICULARLY REPRESENTATIVES (WHO MUST BE U.S. CITIZENS) OF FOREIGN SUPPLIERS. SUCH REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE EXPECTED COVER FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) REASONS FOR DESIRING TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. SUGAR PROGRAM.

(B) PERFORMANCE RECORD FOR 1972 AND 1973, INCLUDING REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO FILL 1974 QUOTA.

(C) ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED PRIORITY FOR SHIPMENTS TO US MARKET.

(D) PERFORMANCE CAPABILITY AND EXPANSION PLANS.

(E) OTHER "SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS" WHETHER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL, AND PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD MARKET.

(F) DESCRIPTION OF COUNTRY'S SUGAR INDUSTRY AND EXTENT TO WHICH FARMERS AND WORKERS PARTICIPATE IN BENEFITS.

(G) ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE U.S. AND  
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RECORD OF TREATMENT OF U.S. INTERESTS AND PROPERTY IN THE COUNTRY.

(H) WORLD MARKET SALES IN PAST THREE YEARS.

(I) DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

(J) BRIEF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROFILE OF COUNTRY, INCLUDING DEPENDENCE ON SUGAR EXPORTS AND IMPORTANCE OF U.S. SUGAR MARKET.

4. PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE.  
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